

JUST IGNORE RAIN

Irrigate as Tho Kansas Received No Precipitation.

State Engineer Addresses Irrigation Congress at Larned.

Larned, Kan., Sept. 26.—The man who irrigates his land as though he never expected water from rainfall is the man who is making good with irrigation by pumping in Kansas, according to H. P. Walker, state irrigation engineer, who spoke before the fifth annual meeting of the Kansas State Irrigation Congress here this afternoon. Mr. Walker made an irrigation census of more than 100 irrigation farms in the state. He told members of the congress that Kansas has 225 irrigation pumping plants.

"At least 40 per cent of these are at present bad investments for the owners," declared Mr. Walker. "This is not on account of lack of water or inefficient pumping equipment, but because the owners are indifferent concerning the operation of their plants. A good well with a good pump and suitable power does not insure crops. The pumping plants must be consistently and persistently operated to give the greatest net returns at the end of the season."

"It must be admitted that an efficient pumping plant is an important factor in successful irrigation development, but Kansas has a lot of good pumping plants that are idle. Our greatest need is not more wells and more pumps to throw more water, but what we need more than anything else is practical irrigation farmers to operate the plants now installed."

Started as Experiment. "Many of the existing pumping plants were put down as an experiment to see if enough water could actually be secured for irrigation. These experiments are no longer just experiments but realities. The water is there and machinery does bring it to the surface. However, water has no value unless properly utilized. Many of the men who experimented in this way do not try to utilize the water for the growing of crops, and such individuals are totally unfit for irrigation farming. These are the men who possess irrigation plants that are non-revenue-producing investments. Men of this type generally would have been much more fortunate if they had invested their money in livestock. Irrigation development on the other hand has actually been retarded by these idle plants, because every unused pumping plant is a monument to a dead investment."

"It is encouraging, however, to note the success of the man who is actually irrigating. The farmers in the shallow water areas who use their best efforts with good horse power in the operation of pumping plants are invariably making good. The practical irrigation farmer watches his crops closely; he does not allow them to suffer from lack of moisture; neither does he depend upon the natural precipitation. On the other hand he irrigates as if he never expected it to rain. This is the type of man who will put irrigation pumping to the front in Kansas."

FIND OVERSUPPLY OF FISH. Warden Expects More Bass and Crappie Than Can Be Placed.

Pratt, Kan., Sept. 26.—W. C. Tegmeier, state fish and game warden, expects to find more bass and crappie in the hatchery than can be distributed this fall and next spring, and plenty of blue gills and all kinds of cat.

The fish car has just been overhauled at Topeka, and is here waiting for the first load, which will be sent out the first of the week. From now on, fish will be distributed as rapidly as possible. The cat and blue gills spawned rather late, says Mr. Tegmeier, but have made good growth, thanks to the muddy water, which brought in tremendous amounts of feed.

The bass and crappie ponds were so thick until recently that the little fish could not be seen, but there is every indication now of a large crop. Continued cool weather will enable big loads of fish to be taken out and kept in good condition.

KANSAS KILLED IN CRASH. McPherson Miller Received Broken Neck When Motor Car Turned Over.

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 26.—J. J. Wall, 62 years old, a prominent miller of McPherson, was instantly killed near here when his car turned over. His neck was broken. Mr. Wall is survived by a wife and three children. He had business interests at McPherson, Buhler, Conway, Goldman and Jaman.

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ON TRADE RUN TO PRATT

Larned Boosters, 75 Strong, Invade City to Advertise Fair.

Pratt, Kan., Sept. 26.—The Pratt Commercial club was host to seventy-five representatives of the Larned Commercial club and from several different cities and surrounding country. The Anthony and Northern railroad ran a special from Larned to Pratt and the cities of Hays, Liebenthal, Alexander, Rush Center and LeCrosse were all represented.

The excursion was made up principally of farmers in the different townships along the proposed line north of Larned.

It was one of the most enthusiastic crowds that ever passed over the new road. They arrived in Pratt and after dinner were taken in charge by the Pratt business men and taken for a ride over the city and to all parts of the fish hatchery grounds.

The Larned Boosters advertised their fair which begins Wednesday with a large racing program. They have arranged for the largest fair ever held in Larned. They also arranged to care for the big excursion train that will run from Pratt on Thursday which will take hundreds of Pratt county citizens to the Pawnee county fair. The Larned fair will last four days and will close with a great parade of stock and machinery. They expect many thousands of visitors during the four days beginning Wednesday of this week.

MANY TO SOUTH AMERICA.

K. U. Engineering Students Take Special Course in Spanish Language.

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 26.—There is a Pan-American invasion of K. U. Its effect was noted strongly in the school of engineering last year and this year it has forced its way into the sacred precincts of the curriculum of the college of liberal arts.

The power that be on Mount Oread are convinced that there is a land of opportunity for college trained men in Central and South America. Last year this caused Dean P. F. Walker of the school of engineering to address his students in Spanish and to paraphrase from Horace Greeley—"only Dean Walker had it."

Go south, young man. "This fall 100 of the 180 freshmen in the K. U. engineering school are taking Spanish as one of their required languages and this is the time-honored Latin and French.

RAISE SCHOOL STANDARDS. Normal Students Failing Two Courses Will Be Suspended, Says Butcher.

Emporia, Kan., Sept. 26.—College students at the Kansas Normal school will have to pass two courses or six hours of work will be suspended, according to a ruling recently put in force by the board of administration and President Butcher. A general tightening up policy has been inaugurated with the new year which it is thought will severely inconvenience several athletes and society buds at the normal.

"We are going to raise the standards of this school. It is already high but it must be higher," said President Butcher in regard to the new move. More than five absences from a class will in the future make the student liable to a special examination and an extra fee.

TRAVEL THRU FARM DISTRICT. Hays Normal School Has Traveling Class Rooms for Students.

Hays, Kan., Sept. 26.—A traveling classroom in the latest equipment which the Fort Hays Kansas Normal school has installed. Because he could not bring the farms of western Kansas to the school, Prof. R. B. Matthews, head of the department of agriculture, is going to take the school to the farms.

This traveling classroom is a big convertible truck made especially for the school. Professor Matthews has made arrangements so that every farm within ten miles from Hays will be open for laboratory purposes to the students of the school. It will bring all the farms of western Kansas within observation distance.

Actual conditions as they obtain on real farms as run by successful western Kansas farmers will be taught and studied in the future. The truck will be made to pay for itself by charging jitney rates of the students.

COTTON IN BARTON COUNTY. Woman's Experiment of Raising Southern Crop Proved a Success.

Great Bend, Kan., Sept. 26.—Probably very few people know that cotton might be added to the list of Barton county crops. Nevertheless, it is true and Mrs. H. S. Converse has evidence to prove it.

Last spring, Mrs. Converse received some seed from the south and decided that she would try her hand at growing cotton. She planted a little patch, which, during the exceptionally warm summer thrived. The stalks are about two feet high, which is considered very good for this latitude. Several days ago the blooms opened on the stalks and now the bolls are opening well filled with a good grade of long fibre.

Mrs. Converse said that she would pick her cotton crop this fall and use the fiber. Next year she intends to plant more of the crop that made the south famous.

USE PRISONERS ON ROADS. Ten More Guards Allowed for Federal Prison at Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 26.—The use of federal prisoners on public road work has been made possible by the department of justice which has notified Warden T. W. Morgan it has allowed the addition of ten guards to the present force of officers. This will allow between 200 and 300 convicts to be worked in building roads this winter and next spring.

There are several miles of public roads thru the reservation, and Warden Morgan plans to lay substantial macadam surfaces on all, with possibly brick pavement on those which are most used.

GRAIN DEALERS ORGANIZE. Kiowa Grain and Supply Company Will Build Big Elevator.

Kiowa, Kan., Sept. 26.—What was formerly the Kiowa Grain Dealers' association, which has been in operation for some time, met in session at the Elmore hotel and formed a corporation known as the Kiowa Grain and Supply company, with a capital stock of \$20,000.

They have now put in an application to be granted a charter. Plans are being made to build an elevator and office. O. M. Findley was elected agent of the corporation.

25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

September 26, 1891.

Hon. Bees R. Price of Hutchinson has tendered his resignation to President Harrison thru Governor Humphrey of his position as Kansas World's fair commissioner. Governor Humphrey today forwarded the resignation to the president and also recommended out Hon. J. Ralph Burton of Abilene, be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Examinations have been in progress for several days in the high school for those desiring to teach in the city schools. Out of 29 taking the examination the following 21 were successful: Misses Kittie Dolman, Mary E. Davis, Grace M. Root, Carrie Boughton, Anna Foster, Mattie De Priest, Minnie Archer, Carrie Bushnell, Mary E. Wilson, Nora G. Gaxton, Della Perkins, Madge R. Moore, Callie G. Newell, Jean M. Hay, Bertha Johnson, Nora H. Hearst, James A. Page, C. F. Clinkscale, Mrs. Mary C. West, Mrs. Julia B. Abbott, Mrs. Anna K. Fain, Mrs. E. E. Buckner.

The comments of the three Abilene daily papers upon the presentation of "Ellen" in that city Wednesday night are severe; they are positively savage.

A party of young people went to the Cornland farm four miles south of town Wednesday evening and enjoyed such hospitality as they will not soon forget. The party had as its conveyance a large hand-wagon. Landing was the principal amusement and no better place could have been found than the large piazzas and porches. Watson's orchestra accompanied them. The grounds were handsomely illuminated with Japanese lanterns. National salute by Battery B; 8 a. m. guard mount; 10, assignment of posts to quarters; noon, National salute by Battery B; 2 p. m. assignment of late arriving comrades; 2:30, quarters; 3:30, stand; 4:30, exercises; 5:30, newsboy's race; egg tournament on track; deer chase consisting of 15 deer and 22 hounds, controlled by C. W. Annet; 7:30 p. m., camp fire at grand stand, Command J. Anderson presiding; prayer by Chaplain G. W. Buge; music by Modoc club; address of welcome by Mayor H. L. Coffey; response of Governor L. U. Humphrey; addresses by General J. C. Caldwell and others.

The committee on program of the district soldiers' reunion met at the office of J. Lee Knight at 10 o'clock this morning and the program for Monday, the first day of the reunion, was finally made out as follows: 7 a. m., Salute by Battery B; 8 a. m. guard mount; 10, assignment of posts to quarters; noon, National salute by Battery B; 2 p. m. assignment of late arriving comrades; 2:30, quarters; 3:30, stand; 4:30, exercises; 5:30, newsboy's race; egg tournament on track; deer chase consisting of 15 deer and 22 hounds, controlled by C. W. Annet; 7:30 p. m., camp fire at grand stand, Command J. Anderson presiding; prayer by Chaplain G. W. Buge; music by Modoc club; address of welcome by Mayor H. L. Coffey; response of Governor L. U. Humphrey; addresses by General J. C. Caldwell and others.

Papers Advance Price. Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 26.—The Sioux City Journal (evening) and Sioux City Tribune (evening) have advanced the price from 1 cent to 2 cents. The raise, it was announced, is due to increased cost of paper.

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It is one of the most luring photographs seen in Topeka in months. And as an eight-part super-feature it is greatly improved by the appropriate music of the ten-piece orchestra under the direction of J. Beltenstein.

Probably as a play it is too remote in possibilities to entrance an audience. But in acting, scenery and photography it is a moving picture wonder.

The story is woven around a family in the Canadian forests. The disgrace of an old love affair hangs over the mother. The fathers know nothing of the circumstances owing to the daughter's sacrifice in claiming the unwelcome child. The loyalty of an Indian servant, the snow storms in the woods, the dogs and a battle around a log cabin add to the drama.

The theater was crowded for two performances last night. Matinee to-day and tomorrow and evening shows including Wednesday night.

SMOKE NOT NECESSARY

Chimney Output Could and Should Be Consumed, Say Inspectors.

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Net Top Lace Edges, 4 to 6 in. widths, worth up to 65c the yard for—39c.

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38-inch Allovers, short lengths in black, white and cream. Values worth to \$2.00 the yard at—50c.

65c Flouncings, 25c

27-inch Voile Flouncings, embroidery worth about 8 in. deep. Regular 65c qualities at—25c.

35c Embroideries, 15c

9 to 12 inch wide Swiss and Nainsook Embroidery Edges, 55c values at yard—15c.